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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT:NUTS & BOLTS

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1. TWO LONG ACTION MEMOS HAVE JUST BEEN STAVED OFF, BUT ONLY BARELY, AND PROBABLY NOT FOR LONG. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH ON THE FORTHCOMING TRIP IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING. NOT ONLY DO WE NEED TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON WHERE THE SECRETARY IS GOING, BUT ALSO ON WHERE HE IS NOT. PRIME AMONG PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE FOREWARNED IS SAXBE, NOT JUST FOR HIS OWN INFORMATION, BUT SO HE CAN TELL THE INDIANS THAT THE SECRETARY IS MAKING THE TRIP TO TEHRAN/KABUL/ISLAMABAD, BUT WON'T BE GOING TO DELHI THIS ROUND.

2. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE TRAFFIC, SULLIVAN FEELS THAT THE
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SECRETARY'S PRESENCE IN EARLY AUGUST WILL BE VITAL TO GET

THE PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS OFF DEAD CENTER/NOT REALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME SINCE THE FILIPINOS AREN'T READY TO MOVE YET (ALL DEPENDS ON WHICH SULLIVAN-GRAM YOU READ). POINT IS, WE NEED TO LET THE FILIPINOS KNOW ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S STOPPING OVER IN MANILA -- BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE BASE NEGS. RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE GETTING NOWHERE WHILE EVERYONE HOLDS HIS BREATH TO SEE WHAT THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO DO.

3. AND THIRD, AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS THE LONG-STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT THE HAGUE (THE ONLY NATO CAPITAL HE APPARENTLY HASN'T VISITED, COUPLED WITH THE LACK OF ANY BRITS -- OTHER THAN ONE -- TO TALK TO IF HE GOES TO LONDON).

4. I'VE TOLD THE BUREAUX WE WOULDN'T SEND THE PILE OF ACTION MEMOS, BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T FOCUS ON THEM ON THE PLANE, AND IF HE WAS FORCED TO, IT WOULD BE IN BAD HUMOR. BUT IN RETURN, WE REALLY DO NEED TO GET ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE THREE QUESTIONS: (1) CAN WE TELL SAXBE HE'S NOT GOING TO DELHI; (2) CAN WE TELL SULLIVAN HE'S NOT GOING TO MANILA; AND (3) WHAT ABOUT THE HAGUE. ALSO WHAT ABOUT GARBA? ROBINSON

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